

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 11.(Cancelled)

12.(Currently amended) A computer access device which includes:

a ~~second~~ first wireless communication interface to communicate with at least one portable electronic device having a first ~~second~~ wireless communication interface ~~within a wireless communication range of the computer access device~~; and

a range sensor to sense when a distance between the portable electronic device and the computer access device is within a ~~physical~~ range, wherein the range sensor is separate from the first and second wireless communication interfaces sensing of when the portable electronic device is within the physical range of the computer access device is independent of the wireless communication between the first and second wireless communication interfaces.

13.(Currently amended) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 12, in which the first and second wireless communication interfaces communicate using a standardized communication protocol, at least the ~~second~~ first wireless communication interface being to communicate with a plurality of first ~~second~~ wireless communication interfaces each associated with a particular portable electronic device ~~within the wireless communication range.~~

14.(Currently amended) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 13, in which the range sensor senses which one of a plurality of portable electronic devices is within the ~~physical~~ range whereafter substantive communications between the computer access device and the predetermined portable electronic device are established via the first and second wireless communication interfaces.

15.(Original) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 12, in which the first and second wireless communication interfaces are communication modules which communicate using Bluetooth 802.15 technology.

16.(Currently amended) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 12, in which the range sensor is a tag reader which communicates with a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag of the portable electronic device when the RFID tag is within the predetermined ~~physical~~ range thereby to identify the portable electronic device.

17.(Original) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 12, in which the range sensor is an optical arrangement to sense when the portable electronic device is within a predetermined angular range relative to the computer access device.

18.(Original) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 17, in which the optical arrangement includes a guide to define the angular range.

19.(Original) A computer access device as claimed in Claim 12, in which the predetermined physical range is substantially less than ~~the~~ a wireless communication range of the computer access device.

20.(Currently amended) A portable electronic device, which includes:

a first wireless communication interface to communicate with a second wireless communication interface of a computer access device ~~within a wireless communication range of the computer access device;~~ and

a range sensing component which interacts with a range sensor of the computer access device to sense when a distance between the portable electronic device and the computer access device is within a predetermined ~~physical~~ range, wherein the range sensor is separate from the first and second wireless communication interfaces ~~sensing of when the portable electronic device is within the predetermined physical range of the computer access device is independent of the wireless communication between the first and second wireless communication interfaces.~~

21.(Currently amended) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, in which the first and second wireless communication interfaces communicate using a standardized communication protocol, the first wireless communication interface being to communicate with a plurality of second wireless communication interfaces each associated with a particular computer access device ~~within the wireless communication range~~.

22.(Original) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, in which the range sensing component enables the computer access device to identify the portable electronic device.

23.(Original) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, in which the range sensing component is a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag to communicate with a tag reader of the computer access device.

24.(Original) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, in which the range sensing component includes an optical component to interact with an optical arrangement of the computer access device.

25.(Original) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, in which the first and second wireless communication interfaces are communication modules which communicate using Bluetooth technology.

26.(Original) A portable electronic device as claimed in Claim 20, which is selected from the group including a personal digital assistant (PDA), an MP3 player, and a personal computer.

27.(Previously amended) A method which includes

a ~~second~~ first device selecting a ~~first~~ second device from a plurality of devices to establish substantive communications with;

the selecting including sensing when a distance between the first device and the second device is within a predetermined ~~physical~~ range, wherein the sensing includes determining the range using a range sensor separate from a communications interface ~~of when the first device is within the predetermined physical range of the second device is independent of substantive~~

~~communication between the first and second devices; and~~

establishing substantive communications with the ~~first~~ second device using the communications interface.

28.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 27, in which sensing when the particular device is within the ~~physical~~ range is done in a wireless fashion by a range sensor.

29.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 28, in which each ~~first~~ second device includes an RFID tag uniquely associated with it, the method including receiving an RFID tag signal in the ~~physical~~ range to sense when the particular ~~first~~ second device is within the ~~physical~~ range.

30.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 28, which includes sensing in an optical fashion when the particular ~~first~~ second device is within a predetermined angular range relative to the ~~second~~ first device.

31.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 28, in which each ~~first~~ second device includes a ~~first~~ second wireless communication interface and the ~~second~~ first device includes a ~~second~~ first wireless communication interface, the method including communicating between the first and second wireless communication interfaces using a standardized communication protocol.

32.(Original) A method as claimed in Claim 31, in which the standardized communication protocol uses Bluetooth communication protocols.

33.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 31, in which the ~~physical~~ range is substantively less than ~~the~~ a wireless communication range and the method includes, once the particular ~~first~~ second device has been identified, establishing substantive communications between the particular ~~first~~ second device and the ~~second~~ first device by means of the first and second wireless communication interfaces.

34.(Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 27, in which establishing substantive communications includes communicating data between the particular first device and the second device which is uniquely associated with the particular ~~first~~ second electronic device.

35.(New) A machine readable medium having stored thereon executable program code which, when executed, causes a machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

 a first device selecting a second device from a plurality of devices to establish substantive communications with;

 the selecting including sensing when a distance between the first device and the second device is within a predetermined range, wherein the sensing includes determining the range using a range sensor separate from a communications interface; and

 establishing substantive communications with the first second device using the communications interface.

36. (New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 35, in which sensing when the particular device is within the range is done in a wireless fashion by a range sensor.

37.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 36, in which each second device includes an RFID tag uniquely associated with it, the method including receiving an RFID tag signal in the range to sense when the particular second device is within the range.

38.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 36, which includes sensing in an optical fashion when the particular second device is within a predetermined angular range relative to the first device.

39.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 36, in which each second device includes a second wireless communication interface and the first device includes a first wireless communication interface, the method including communicating between the first and second wireless communication interfaces using a standardized communication protocol.

40.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 39, in which the standardized communication protocol uses Bluetooth communication protocols.

41.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 39, in which the range is substantively less than a wireless communication range and the method includes, once the particular second device has been identified, establishing substantive communications between the particular second device and the first device by means of the first and second wireless communication interfaces.

42.(New) The machine readable medium as claimed in Claim 35, in which establishing substantive communications includes communicating data between the particular first device and the second device which is uniquely associated with the particular second electronic device.